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In re Application of:

Masakazu OGASAWARA, et al.

Application No.: 09/891,471

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For: PICKUP DEVICE FOR RECORDING
OR REPRODUCING INFORMATION
TO AND FROM A MULTI-LAYERED
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING A
PHOTODETECTOR WITH A
NORMALIZED DETECTOR SIZE
(As Amended)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was cited in a European Search Report dated June 15, 2004 in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

JP 11-306661 listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 is in a language other than English. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English-language abstract.

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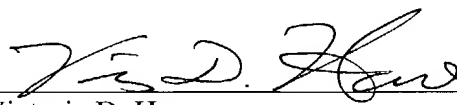
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